

Indiana Archaeology Month September 2006

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is proud to announce that September, 2006, will be the eleventh annual statewide celebration of archaeology in Indiana. The DHPA, office of the Indiana State Archaeologist, coordinates the Month each year.

In Indiana, the Month provides professional archaeologists, students, historians, avocational archaeologists, and anyone interested in their heritage with an opportunity to celebrate the science of archaeology and its many contributions to our understanding of the past.

Each year various individuals, organizations, universities and museums hold events. These events usually include activities such as: archaeological laboratory open-houses, artifact identifications, lectures on archaeological topics, archaeological excavations, exhibits, and more. There is always a full calendar of events to attend!

The National Park Service graciously provides the funds with which the DHPA produces a commemorative Archaeology Month poster. In addition, commemorative t-shirts with a version of the poster image are usually available, while supplies last. The Division is also committed to providing quality free educational materials to the interested public. These materials include: archaeological bibliographies, an Indiana archaeological travel guide, mini posters on projectile point types and ceramics, information on archaeological careers, specific archaeological handouts for children, materials for educators, information in general on Indiana archaeology, and much more. There is an extensive Indiana Archaeology Month webpage, so be sure and check it out!

Archaeology Month in Indiana provides us with many ways to learn more about the science of archaeology, the sites in our state, and the laws which protect the sites. Indiana Archaeology Month also allows people to discover what real archaeology is and how it is much different from public perceptions many people have. So, join the fun, celebrate archaeology, and see how Hoosier prehistory and history is interpreted as a result of this science.

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